(d) if so, do not the Government think it high time to so reduce the expenditure as to make the department self-supporting by abolishing a few of the offices and to give effect to the resolution passed in the Council in its Vrischigam session?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—(a) and (b) Statements containing the required information are placed on the Council Table.

(c) Yes.

(d) The question of abolition of a few Registry offices has more than once been considered by the Government but it had ultimately to be dropped in accordance with the decision of the Legislative Council. There is no proposal at present to abolish any of the offices in order to give effect to the resolution referred to.

Cochin Land Mortgage Bank.

230. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) when was the Cochin Land Mortgage Bank started;

(2) what is the amount of its present paid-up share capital;

(3) the total number and value of the application for loans (a) received; and

(b) paid so far?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon.—(1) In Vrischigam 1111.

(2) Rs. 15,291—4—0.

(3) 280.

(a) Rs. 5,37,570

(b) Nil.

Thekkumkara Co-operative Society.

231. Mr. A. Narayana Menon—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Thekkumkara Co-operative Society is under liquidation; if so, who the present liquidator is and whom he succeeded;

(b) was the first liquidator able to collect any amount due to the society; how long was he liquidator;

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